## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA SOUTHERN DIVISION Civil Action No. 7:24-cy-01009

RUDY LOCKLEAR,	) )
Plaintiff,	) )
v. ROBESON COMMUNITY COLLEGE,	DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR PARTIAL JUDGMENT ON THE PLEADINGS  ) )
Defendant.	)

NOW COMES Defendant Robeson Community College, through counsel, and moves to dismiss, in part, Plaintiff's Complaint. Defendant respectfully requests that Plaintiff's claims for Title VII national origin and race discrimination, § 1981 race discrimination, Title VII and § 1981 hostile work environment, Title VII and § 1981 retaliation; and wrongful termination in violation of North Carolina public policy (Claims 2-6) be dismissed with prejudice and that the Court enter Partial Judgment on the Pleadings in favor of Defendant pursuant to Rule 12(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure based on the following grounds:

- 1. Plaintiff's Title VII National Origin Discrimination claim (Claim 5) should be dismissed for failure to exhaust administrative remedies.
- 2. Plaintiff's Title VII and § 1981 claims for Race Discrimination, Hostile Work Environment, and Retaliation, as well as Plaintiff's claim for Wrongful Termination in Violation of North Carolina Public Policy (Claims 2-6) should be dismissed for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

WHEREFORE, Defendant Robeson Community College prays that Plaintiff's claims for National Origin Discrimination under Title VII; Race Discrimination under Title VII and § 1981; Hostile Work Environment under Title VII and § 1981; Retaliation under Title VII and § 1981; and Wrongful Termination in Violation of North Carolina Public Policy be dismissed with prejudice and that the Court enter Judgement on the Pleadings in favor of Defendant pursuant to Rule 12(c).

This the 6th day of February, 2025.

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on February 6, 2025, I electronically filed the foregoing *Partial Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings* with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which will effect service on all registered users:

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This the 6th day of February, 2025.

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